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Legislator Anker Calls for Moratorium on Suffolk Bus Cuts



STONY BROOK, NY – On Tuesday, September 20th, Suffolk County Legislator Sarah Anker joined the Long Island Bus Riders' Union at a rally and press conference to oppose the proposed cuts to bus service throughout Suffolk County. The press conference took place at the starting bus stop for the S71 bus at the Long Island Railroad station in Stony Brook.

"I believe that it is Suffolk County's obligation to provide affordable, accessible, and equitable mass transportation to all residents. The proposed bus cuts will cause real hardship to residents throughout the county, and especially to my constituents in Sound Beach and the Leisure communities. Many residents depend on the bus as a sole source of transportation to get to doctor appointments, grocery stores, and shops," said Legislator Anker. I urge the County Executive to modify existing routes to strike a balance between total elimination and cost reduction, as well as encourage a transitional period to offer alternatives to transportation needs."

The proposed cuts would be implemented on October 3rd of this year, and would affect eight bus routes and more than 400 daily riders. The proposal would be detrimental to Long Island's disabled, elderly, and poor, and to the many residents who rely on the bus as a sole means of transportation. In addition, the cuts would reduce service to universities, hospitals, shopping locations, and government buildings such as the Brookhaven Town Hall and Riverhead County Center.

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